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Minutes 03/14/2011

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, March 14, 2011

7:15 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Mahon, Chair, Ms. LaCourt, Vice Chair, and Ms. Rowe.
 Also present: Mr. Chapdelaine, Deputy Town Manager, Ms. Rice, and Mrs. Sullivan.
 Absent: Mr. Greeley and Mr. Hurd.

Mrs. Mahon opened the meeting asking for a moment of silence for the death of Brian Greeley and to extend sympathies to his family and friends. Mr. Brian Greeley was known for his efforts working with the Patriot's Day Parade Committee and working on the Arlington Housing Authority.

FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
 - a. Minutes of Meetings: February 28, 2011
 - b. Request: One Day Al Alcohol License, 5/21/11, Fidelity House Annual Fundraiser @ Fidelity House, 25 Medford Street
 Frank Tessitore
 - c. Comella's Wine & Malt License (clerical formality/paperwork update)
 John Paul Comella d/b/a Comella's, 202 Massachusetts Avenue
 Formerly approved 5/17/10 along with Common Victualler License
 Ms. LaCourt moved approval. SO VOTED (3-0)
2. Discussion: Retiree Health Insurance Reductions
 Al Tosti, Finance Committee, Chairman
 This item was tabled until the March 28th meeting.

7:15 p.m. Public Hearing

3. CDBG - Performance Update for Program Year 2010-2011
 Carol Kowalski, Director, Planning & Community Development
 Ms. Kowalski reported that the amounts of CDBG monies distributed through the state are very uncertain for the upcoming year-reduction amounts from 7.5% to 66% have been cited. Ms. Kowalski stated that the value and importance of the CDBG monies to the community are huge.
 The Council on Aging, Recreation Department, Housing Corporation of Arlington, Arlington Youth Consultation Center, and Fidelity Center submitted performance updates for program year 2010-2011.
4. Vote: CDBG Requests for FY2011-2012 Funding
 Carol Kowalski, Director, Planning & Community Development
 The following grant applicants spoke on behalf of their grant submissions:
 - Mr. Dever and Mr. Harrington spoke requesting grant monies for low income scholarships for athletic

programs. Mrs. Mahon suggested the topic of athletic fees be a point of discussion during the upcoming joint BoS and School Committee Meeting. She also requested Ms. Rice's advice on the legalities of user fees/taxes.

- Ms. Fitzgerald and Ms. Jackson spoke requesting grant monies for the Council on Aging for Transportation Enterprise Program, Transportation Coordinator/Supervisor of Volunteers, Meals on Wheels Scholarship Program, Lifeline Subsidy Program, and Adult Day Health Program.
- Ms. McGuire and Ms. Regan spoke requesting grant monies for Operation Success Learning Center for the Homework Club/Menotomy Manor.
- Ms. Urban spoke requesting grant monies for Fidelity House for the Menotomy Manor Outreach Program.
- Ms. Brown spoke requesting grant monies for Arlington Youth Counseling Center (AYCC)/Board of Youth Services for Mental Health and Case Management Counseling Services.
- Mr. Levy spoke requesting grant monies for Arlington Housing Authority for Domestic Violence Shelter and Condo Purchase Program and Green Facilities Energy Program.
- Other grant applications were submitted by Town of Arlington Housing & Disability Program Office, Arlington Commission on Disability, Arlington Vision 2020, Department of Planning and Community Development, Recreation Department, and Arlington Boys & Girls Club.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

5. Vote: Approval of Conservation Restriction, Elizabeth Island
Brian Rehrig, Arlington Land Trust
This item was tabled until the March 28th meeting.

Mrs. Mahon took a moment to read and express sincere gratitude on behalf of the Selectmen to Joe Miksis, IT Department, for his effort and commitment to the Town by identifying a water leak while at the same time averting a disaster by salvaging a great deal of electronic equipment that is vital to the data processing of both the Town and the Schools. Mr. Miksis' actions went above and beyond any expectations and the Selectmen expressed how fortunate the Town is to have such a truly dedicated and unselfish employee.

6. Discussion: Dog Park Probation, Robbins Farm Park and Menotomy Rocks Park
Diane M. Mahon, Chair
Joe Connelly, Director, Parks and Recreation
Correspondence Received:
Jane Auger/Nate Goldshlag/MaryAnna Foskett
Rhoads/Adam Glick
Bruce Whelple
Mona Zeffel

Nancy

After much discussion about dog park issues by the Selectmen, Parks & Rec Commission, Recreation Director, and residents (see below) it was decided that before any action be taken at Robbins Farm Park a public hearing should be held first. The Selectmen did remind everyone that all dog parks are on a trial basis.

Ms. Mayer, Parks & Rec Commission Chair, outlined that the next step should be more aggressive ticketing (fines instead of warnings) along with education including mailings to dog owners. Ms. Mayer also requested that all comments and complaints be directed to the Parks & Rec Commission via:

Recreation Department: jconnelly@town.arlington.ma.us

Animal Control Officer Quintel: 781-643-1212

Mr. Connelly stated although these two dog parks have been problematic from the start, he believes the issues and complaints have gotten better and would be worse if the hours were eliminated (the ability to control would be lost). It was unanimously agreed and requested by the Selectmen, Recreation Department, and Parks & Rec Commission that dog owners and abutters respect each others rights and act respectfully towards each other.

Residents who spoke asking for consideration of dog owners:

Greg Miller - 7 Valley Rd., Adam Glick - 42 Robbins Rd., Liz Reisberg - 20 Shawnee Rd.,

David Bean - 50 Jason St., Robin Varghese - 27 Chester St., Bill Larson - 98 Spring Ave.,

Rollie Chaput - 74 Grandview Rd., Susan Denenberg - 83 School St., Tash Tocono - 42 River St.,

Residents who spoke asking for consideration of abutters and dog owners:

Carol Beggy - 65 Hawthorne Ave., Mona Zeffel - 11 Murray St., Mustafa Varoglu - 26 Shawnee Rd., Greg Porfido - 57 Hawthorne Ave.

7. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

No matters were presented for consideration of the Board.

8. WARRANT ARTICLE HEARINGS

Article 28 Home Rule Legislation/Sales of Wine & Malt Beverages in Theatres
Ms. Rowe moved favorable action. SO VOTED (3-0)

Article 29 Home Rule Legislation/Two Additional Licenses for the Sale of Alcoholic
Beverages Not To Be Drunk On Premises
Mr. Fischer, 25 Lombard Rd., requested the Board to vote against this article.
Ms. LaCourt moved favorable action. SO VOTED (2-0-1)
Mrs. Mahon voted in the negative.

Article 30 Home Rule Legislation/Exemption of Non-Public-Safety Town Employees from
Civil Service
Ms. Rowe moved favorable action. SO VOTED (3-0)

Article 33 Home Rule Legislation/Wireless Antenna Leases
Mr. Chaput, 74 Grandview Rd., requested the Board vote in favor of this article as it is just a renewal of prior
legislation.
Ms. Rowe moved favorable action. SO VOTED (3-0)

Article 52 Revolving Funds
Ms. Rowe moved favorable action. SO VOTED (3-0)

Article 53 Endorsement of CDBG Application
Ms. LaCourt moved a will report. SO VOTED (3-0)

9. FINAL VOTES AND COMMENTS

Article 19 Bylaw Amendment/Increase Fines for Unleashed Dogs (formerly Article 18)
(tabled from 2/7/11 meeting)
Article 20 Bylaw Amendment/Use of Minuteman Bikeway (formerly Article 19)
(tabled from 2/7/11 meeting)
Article 21 Bylaw Amendment/Closing of Warrant
Article 22 Bylaw Amendment/Town Meeting Standing Votes
Article 24 Bylaw Amendment/Massachusetts Public Records Law
Article 25 Bylaw Amendment/Solicitation & Receipt of Gifts
Article 26 Bylaw Amendment/Spy Pond Motorboat
Article 27 Vote/Spy Pond Motorboat Regulations Sign
Ms. Rowe moved approval of final votes and comments. SO VOTED (3-0)

Correspondence Received

Thomas K. Steel, Jr.	RCN Rate Notice	Be Rec'd
Vice President, RCN		

Frank A. Tramontozi, P.E.	Vegetation Management Plan	Be Rec'd
Chief Engineer, MassDOT	2011 Yearly Operation Plan	

Ms. Rowe moved correspondence received SO VOTED (3-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. LaCourt made a motion to draft a letter communicating with Arlington's Sister City, Nagaokakyo, offering

support and good wishes regarding the disasters in Japan.

SO VOTED (3-0)

Ms. LaCourt requested that Warrant Article 13 (Zoning Bylaw Amendment/Affordable Housing Requirements) and Warrant Article #14 (Zoning Bylaw Amendment/Affordable Housing Requirements, Definitions, Units) be included in the Warrant Hearings at the March 28th Meeting. It was unanimously agreed to add these articles to the 3/28/11 agenda.

Ms. LaCourt stated that the Long Term Planning Committee will report to the Selectmen at the 3/28/11 or 4/4/11 meeting their budget balancing recommendations (a range of suggestions).

Mrs. Mahon announced the Unions contacted the Town Manager for a meeting regarding healthcare-the date set is March 23rd. After this meeting Mr. Tosti would like to have the above tabled agenda item "Discussion: Retiree Health Insurance Reductions" on the 3/28/11 agenda.

Ms. Rowe moved to adjourn at 10:30 p.m.

SO VOTED (3-0)

A true record: Attest

Mary Ann Sullivan
Selectmen's Office

Next meeting of BoS March 28, 2011.